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ESL PROGRAM

Description

English as a Second Language (ESL) classes assist those students whose primary language is not English. Four levels of instruction are offered in the spoken word coupled with reading and writing in English. Students are mainstreamed into other academic and vocational classes as language attainment occurs.

Service Elements:

- (1) Development of English Language (reading, writing, and speaking)
- (2) Acquisition of appropriate life skills
- (3) GED testing in Spanish (when indicated)
- (4) Development of selfworth and desire for life long learning

COLLEGE PROGRAM

Description

Boston University and Mount Wachusetts offer college courses to qualified students. Each semester between ten and fourteen courses are offered at various times during the school week. Courses lead to either an Associate's degree (M.W.C.C) or a Bachelor's degree (B. U.). Examples of courses are Biology of Human Health and Seminar: Individual and Society.

Service Elements:

- (1) Offer Degree Programs in General Studies (Mount Wachusetts) and Interdisciplinary Studies (Boston University)
- (2) Offer fall, spring and summer semester courses to qualified students
- (3) Provide counseling and possible placement upon release
- (4) Promote life-long learning
- (5) Development of selfworth

ACADEMIC EDUCATION PROGRAM

Description

Academic education is offered to all women who do not have a high school diploma or GED. The range of programs is from basic literacy/Special Education through GED testing. All women are assessed and placed in accordance with their assessment scores. In all classes, basic skills attainment and the acquisition of life skills are stressed.

Service Elements:

- (1) Assessment, testing and appropriate educational counseling
- (2) Basic skills and literacy development
- (3) Acquisition of appropriate life skills
- (4) GED testing session (four times during the school year)
- (5) Development of self-worth and desire for life-long learning
- (6) Development of job/work readiness

PATHWAYS PROGRAM

Description

The Pathways program is a comprehensive system of education, training, and support services for female offenders. Students are offered classes in life skills and career planning and are then guided to linkages at Division of Education and Training (D.E.T.) and Parole . Pathways focuses upon successful reintegration into the student's return to the community.

Service Elements:

- (1) Provide comprehensive vocational assessment and follow-up, interpretation and vocational counseling
- (2) Educational support that includes life skills and career planning development
- (3) Linkage with D. E. T. and Parole
- (4) Counseling in need areas
- (5) Development of job readiness skills
- (6) Development of positive socialization skills

BUSINESS EDUCATION PROGRAM



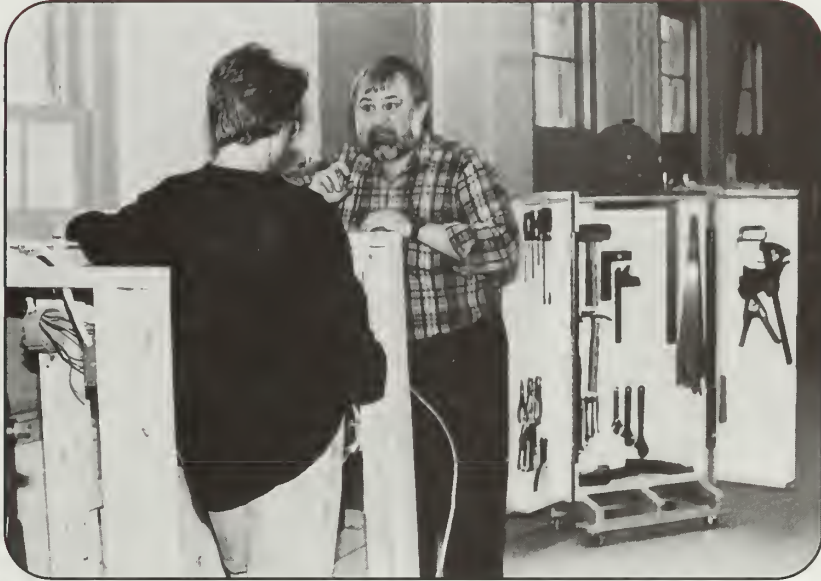
Description

The Business Education program offers a self-paced approach to business skill development. The range of skills begins at introduction to key boarding and computer literacy and extends to advanced computer topics (such as newsletter development). Students are assessed prior to their entrance and progress at their own ability level.

Service Elements:

- (1) Acquisition of keyboarding and computer literacy skills
- (2) Self paced development of business education skills (including, but not limited to: word processing, formatting, data bases, spread sheets and desktop publishing)
- (3) Knowledge of office occupations and their practices
- (4) Development of job/work readiness skills
- (5) Development of self-worth and desire for life long learning

BUILDING TRADES PROGRAM



Description

The Building Trades program offers students an opportunity to experience the field of construction trades. The hands-on course includes shop and workplace safety, carpentry, electricity, plumbing and wall preparation. Related instruction includes various workplace readiness topics that assist women in their preparation for a construction career.

Service Elements:

- (1) Skill acquisition in construction areas (carpentry, plumbing, electrical)
- (2) Knowledge of shop and work site safety
- (3) Job and workplace readiness
- (4) Job placement assistance
- (5) Development of self-worth and desire for life long learning

MANICURING PROGRAM

Description

The manicuring class is a one hundred (100) hour course which leads to the Board of Cosmetology's licensing exam. The course is offered under the auspices of Keefe Technical, Framingham. It includes equal amounts of theory and practical instruction. Two or three cycles (dependent upon funding) are offered each school year.

Service Elements:

- (1) Instruction in manicuring theory and practice
- (2) State board testing at the conclusion of each program cycle
- (3) Development of positive job and work attitudes
- (4) Promotion of self-worth and desire for life-long learning